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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: William H. Pierce  
Docket No.: 5705-001  
Application No.: 10/726,796  
Filed: December 2, 2003  
Title: Trailer to Vehicle Connecting System

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102 (C ) AND MPEP §708.02

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions that the above identified application be granted special status so that it will be taken up by the Examiner ahead of its regular turn due to the age of the Applicant.

Enclosed is a copy of Applicant's birth certificate and a declaration affirming that Applicant is over 65 years old.

No fee is due for this type of petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: December 16, 2003  
Docket: 5705-001



## DECLARATION FOR AGE PETITION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **TRAILER TO VEHICLE CONNECTING SYSTEM**.

I hereby state that I am over 65 years old.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon.

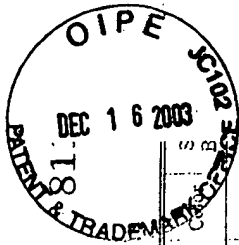
Full name of sole or first inventor (first name, last name)

**William H. Pierce**

Inventor's signature *William H. Pierce*  
(William H. Pierce)

Date 12-3-03

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Date of Record	Date of Birth	Full Name of Child	Sex	Color	No. of the Child	Place of Birth Town or Street and Number	Name of Father	Age
1929 Dec	1929 Nov 4	William Henry Prince	M	W	2	Dying in Hospital Rt. Providence Rd	William H	39 W 2

For the Year ending December 31st, 1929

Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Age	Color	Birthplace of Mother	Physician or Midwife
Toolmaker	Fall River Mass	Helen Corbett	37 W		North Attleboro Mass	George J. Th

## CITY REGISTRAR'S OFFICE.

Providence, September 26-1951

I, the undersigned, City Registrar of the City of Providence, State of Rhode Island, hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Record of the Birth of the above mentioned person, as recorded in Book No. 29 Page 131, of the Records of Births in said City of Providence, of which I am the legal custodian.

Witness my hand and seal,

*Joseph Smith* City Registrar



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Sir:

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I hereby certify that this paper(s), which is a Declaration for Age Petition for U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/726,796 entitled TRAILER TO VEHICLE CONNECTING SYSTEM (Our File No. 5705-001) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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